



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The Lone Star State boasts a rich cultural heritage, reflecting a diverse and talented population. Since the early days of our history, these people have come from lands far and near to call Texas home.

This diversity adds to the vibrancy and uniqueness of our great state. As we celebrate and embrace our mutual heritage as Texans, it is important to remember the important role diversity has played in building the Texas we see today.

For hundreds of years, Texas has been deeply influenced by individuals of Hispanic descent. Today, Hispanic Americans continue to play a prominent role in Texas by forging new frontiers on multiple fronts, from education to business to the arts. I am especially proud that my wife, Cecilia, is the first Hispanic first lady of Texas.

Across our nation, a month has been designated to recognize the many contributions of Hispanic Americans. Observances such as this are reminders of the importance of embracing our diversity, even as we reinforce the bonds that unite us as Texans and Americans.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to celebrate and learn more about the contributions of Hispanic Americans.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 15–October 15, 2017, to be

## **Hispanic Heritage Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
Governor of Texas